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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
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#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 August 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 06 August 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All
  - b) Some \*
  - c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ .

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 5 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wu (U.S. 5,742,478).

Wu discloses a radiating structure of a heat-generating device comprising all of the claimed and disclosed limitations of the instant invention.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu (U.S. 5,742,478) in view of Currie et al. (U.S. 4,504,156).

Wu's invention discloses all of the claimed limitations from above except for at least one thermally conductive and compliant pad coupled between the thermal plate

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and the at least one component; the thermal plate includes at least one raised portion, each raised portion being raised to facilitate thermal contact between each of the at least one raised portion and a corresponding one of the at least one component; the thermal plate is aluminum and is manufactured by at least one of stamping and die casting.

5. However, Currie teaches at least one thermally conductive and compliant pad (32) coupled between the thermal plate (20) and the at least one component; the thermal plate is aluminum and is manufactured by at least one of stamping and die casting.

Given the teachings of Currie, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the radiating structure of Wu with least one thermally conductive and compliant pad coupled between the thermal plate and the at least one component; the thermal plate includes at least one raised portion, each raised portion being raised to facilitate thermal contact between each of the at least one raised portion and a corresponding one of the at least one component; the thermal plate is aluminum and is manufactured by at least one of stamping and die casting.

Doing so would provide enhanced heat dissipation and provide a reliable secure connection between the two mating objects.

6. Claims 6-8 and 10-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu (U.S. 5,742,478) in view of Currie et al. (U.S. 4,504,156) as applied to claims above, and further in view of Kruger et al. (U.S. 6,788,540).

Wu's invention discloses all of the claimed limitations from above except for the printed circuit board including at least one optical component and further comprising a heat sink in thermal contact with the optical component and the housing, the heat sink conducting heat from the optical component to the housing; the optical component includes a metal ferrule, further comprising an optical transceiver having a grounded metal ferrule electrically coupled to the optical component; and a metal shroud coupled to the housing for surrounding the optical connector; the metal shroud comprises dimples for electrically coupling the connector to the housing.

7. However, Kruger teaches the use of printed circuit board includes at least one optical component and further comprising a heat sink in thermal contact with the optical component and the housing, the heat sink conducting heat from the optical component to the housing; the optical component includes a metal ferrule, further comprising an optical transceiver having a grounded metal ferrule electrically coupled to the optical component; and a metal shroud coupled to the housing for surrounding the optical connector; the metal shroud comprises dimples for electrically coupling the connector to the housing.

Given the teachings of Kruger, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to furthermore modify the radiating structure of Wu with the printed circuit board includes at least one optical component and further comprising a heat sink in thermal contact with the optical component and the housing, the heat sink conducting heat from the optical component to the housing; the optical component includes a metal ferrule, further comprising an optical transceiver having a

grounded metal ferrule electrically coupled to the optical component; and a metal shroud coupled to the housing for surrounding the optical connector; and the metal shroud comprises dimples for electrically coupling the connector to the housing.

Doing so would provide a means of controlling the temperature of electrical heat generating devices.

### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following references cited on the USPTO 892 discloses related limitations of the applicant's claimed and disclosed invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Terrell L Mckinnon whose telephone number is 571-272-4797. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Thursday and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Bennett can be reached on 571-272-4791. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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